

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
FEI Rule Change	1/1/2018	12/5/2017	

Proposed Change

DR117 The position and aids of the rider [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

Effective 1.1.2018

DR117 The Position and Aids of the Rider. Change to read:

4. Riding with both hands is obligatory at all national and International Dressage Events. However, riding with one hand is permitted in the Freestyle Tests and when leaving the arena. Individuals holding a Federation Dispensation Certificate may use bridged or special adaptive reins for use with one or no hand(s), if their physical limitations require such and the equipment is listed on the Dispensation Certificate.

Apart from the halt and salute, where the athlete must take the reins in one hand, riding with the reins in both hands is obligatory at FEI Dressage Events, but a discreet 'pat on the neck' for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc). However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the collective mark for 'Rider'.

...

6. The use of the voice in any way whatsoever or clicking the tongue once or repeatedly is a serious fault involving the deduction of at least 2 marks from those that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement where this occurred. *Use of voice should also be considered in the collective mark for the rider.*

Proponent Details	Contact Information
-------------------	---------------------

Dressage

Hannah Niebielski

HNiebielski@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

Proposed FEI Rule Change that would also need to be incorporated into our Rules if approved by the FEI at their General Assembly. Effective 1.1.2018.

Potential Impact

none

Linked Rules	Comments
--------------	----------

Web: the position and aids of the rider

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/24/2017
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The IDC recommends BOD approval of the following proposals for "FEI Dressage Rule Changes" pending the approval of the FEI rules upon which they are based at the FEI General Assembly (20 / 21 November 2017). Furthermore, the Dressage Sport Committee have the option to withdraw the respective FEI Rule change submissions, if after FEI modifications, the drafted proposal is not feasible at a national level.
Draft 2: No Comments